

**Report to
House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human
Services,
Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and
Fiscal Research Division**

On

DHHS Position Eliminations

Session Law 2009-451, Section 10.35A

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**North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services,
Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse
Services and Division of State Operated Healthcare Facilities**

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The Special Provision outlined in Session Law, 2009-451, Section 10.35A, granted the Secretary for the Department of Health and Human Services flexibility in achieving the required budget savings for State fiscal years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. The provision is listed below:

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services may achieve the savings from position eliminations by reducing a lesser number of positions than prescribed in the money report for Department of Health and Human Services. If the Secretary determines that the designated positions targeted for elimination in the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services jeopardize services, patient safety, quality of patient care, certification or accreditation, the Secretary may reduce other operating expense to meet these savings. The Secretary shall report on the number of positions eliminated in the budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The report shall include the total number of positions, including positions filled and vacant positions, and savings generated through salary and fringe benefits and any severance paid out. The Secretary shall submit the report to the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division on or before March 1, 2010.

In the DHHS Money Report for 2009, Item 13 on the Elimination of Positions, calls for the eliminations of 350 positions within DMH/DD/SAS at a reoccurring savings of \$12,858,290. This budget savings was achieved through a combination of position elimination and a reduction of operating expenses. The following information in the table below outlines the actions taken to meet this objective:

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| Filled Positions | 48 |
| Vacant Positions | 179.50 |
| Total Positions Eliminated | 227.50 |
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| Salary | \$6,060,871 |
| Fringe Benefits | \$1,632,653 |
| Total Salary and Fringe Cost Savings | \$7,693,524 |
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| Total Operating Costs Savings | \$5,164,766 |
| Total Severance Costs Paid | \$568,093 |